AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-3.   (Cancelled)

4.   (Currently Amended)   A performance information edit and playback apparatus comprising:

a first storage for storing style data, wherein the style data include a prescribed accompaniment part representing a predetermined length of accompaniment;

a second storage for storing user's performance data produced by a user, wherein the user's performance data include an accompaniment part and another performing part subjected to simultaneous playback with the accompaniment part;

a mode selector switch for alternatively selecting, in accordance with a user's operation, one of a style data playback mode and user's performance data playback mode; and

a playback device operable to simultaneously play back the prescribed accompaniment part included in the style data and another performing part included in the user's performance data when the mode selector selects the style data playback mode upon starting playback, said playback device operable to simultaneously play back the

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accompaniment part included in the user's performance data and another performing part included in the user's performance data when the mode selector selects the user's performance data playback mode upon starting playback.

5.   (Previously Presented)   A performance information edit and playback apparatus according to claim 4, wherein both of the accompaniment parts included in the user's performance data and the prescribed accompaniment parts included in the style data commonly share a same tone-generation channel or a same tone color.

6-10. (Cancelled)

11.   (Currently Amended)   A performance information edit and playback method comprising the steps of:

storing style data, wherein the style data include a prescribed accompaniment part representing a predetermined length of accompaniment;

storing user's performance data produced by a user including an accompaniment part and another performing part, subjected to simultaneous playback with the accompaniment part;

alternatively selecting in accordance with a user's operation of a mode switch one of a style data playback mode and user's performance data playback mode;

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simultaneously playing back the prescribed accompaniment part included in the style data and another performing part included in the user's performance data when in the style data playback mode upon starting playback; and

simultaneously playing back the accompaniment part included in the user's performance data and another performing part included in the user's performance data when in the user's performance data playback mode upon starting playback.

12-14. (Cancelled)

15.   (Currently Amended) A machine-readable medium storing performance data edit and playback programs that cause a computer to perform a method comprising the steps of:

storing style data, wherein the style data include a prescribed accompaniment part representing a predetermined length of accompaniment;

storing user's performance data produced by a user including an accompaniment part and another performing part subjected to simultaneous playback with the accompaniment part;

alternatively selecting in accordance with a user's operation of a mode switch one of a style data playback mode and user's performance data playback mode;

simultaneously playing back the prescribed accompaniment part included in the style data and another performing part included in the user's performance data when in the style data playback mode upon starting playback; and

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simultaneously playing back the accompaniment part included in the user's performance data and another performing part included in the user's performance data when in the user's performance data playback mode upon starting playback.

16-18. (Cancelled)

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